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## LOW COST OF LIVING.

ALL things considered living in Germany is not as near the apex of the unattainable as one would infer from the various stories printed from time to time. For instance, alleged food riots have played a conspicuous part in the programme of reports emanating from London, whereas what appears to be an unbiased statement published through the Associated Press gives figures to controvert rumors of famine stalking through the land of the central powers. After carefully digesting the returns it appears that right here in Nevada and at other more favored points in the west, prices are much higher than what prevail in Berlin. This, in a measure, may be ascribed to government food regulations which proscribe competitive buying and selling and prevent extortion. Therefore the prices can hardly be compared with the result of the open markets of the United States where potatoes have sold as high as eight cents a pound. Cereals are high, but not out of proportion, with what one would expect to find in a nation deprived of outside supplies for the period of nearly three years. In the first place foodstuffs have been doled out with miserly hand and there is no prodigality in the distribution for rich and poor have to abide by the laws enacted for the just and equitable apportionment of all produce to the end that the armies afield may not be taxed to support those who are not called upon for the same physical endurance.

Nevertheless the newspaper statements do not justify reports of exhaustion or an impoverishment such as would militate against the exercise of the bodily energy of the masses. For instance, wheat sells in Berlin at \$59.00 per ton compared with \$61.00 per ton in Chicago, the leading primary wheat market in the United States. The difference would not pay for the transportation of the cereal in normal times. Therefore the price cannot be considered exorbitant. The disparity in rye is much greater, as the price in Berlin is \$40.46 per ton while in Chicago this grain sells for \$53.33 per ton. Oats shows the widest range owing probably to the fact that it is in such general use by the armies as the quotation is \$64.26 in Berlin and only \$19 in Chicago. Barley sells in the German capital at \$95.20 per ton and on Lake Michigan at \$38.00. The most striking example of the conservation of foods is found in the price of potatoes, which recently almost incited a revolution in the eastern state, where dealers demanded and received from \$150 to \$200 a ton for the small stocks they carried. The price of the Irish tuber in Berlin is a trifle over one cent a pound, or to be exact, \$1.09 per hundredweight. On the same date the price in Chicago for earload lots was \$6.50 per hundred. There must be something radically wrong with the system of marketing in this country when such a disparity is permitted to exist. Hogs sell in Germany at \$11 to \$17 per hundredweight, whereas in Chicago, the center of the hog industry of the United States, \$14.60 is paid on the hoof for all the porkers that can be delivered. The same contrast exists with relation to beef, which is pictured as one of the rarest commodities in the German empire, where the people speak of famine prices because they are compelled to pay \$11.90 to \$17 per cwt. when Chicago packers are paying \$12 to \$12.75.

The lesson to be drawn from this price list is that the United States, which has been feeding the entire world, is at a serious disadvantage in entering the war with the prospect of maintaining rates on all sorts of farm produce wholly out of variance with the law of supply and demand.

## THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

CONDITIONS have become unbearable and the masses in Russia believe that it is not incompetence but German influence in the upper circles of society and treachery in official life that has starved them and lost armies in the field. Before the war Germans practically controlled the important mercantile and manufacturing establishments and intermarried with the nobility and wealthy. Germans were in favor in court circles and held positions of trust in the household of the czar and in the government bureaus. Meanwhile the duma has been growing more representative. Its members are loyal Russians who resent the influence of aliens at court and are determined to win this war. The assassination of the monk who had the ear of the czar and czarina and who had been proved to have been in the secret service of Germany, was a warning that should have been heeded in a land that has been described as an absolute monarchy tempered by assassination.

When the czar again resorted to the Prussian trick of proroguing the duma when it began to ask questions it refused to leave Petrograd and went on holding regular sessions. The members had learned something by experience and decided that the hour had come for them to show the czar and his personally appointed ministers that the duma represented the people and that constitutional government was a fact and not a rhetorical expression. The news from Russia is meager, but it appears that the duma has imprisoned the ministers of the crown and has set up a real constitutional government backed by the army. This revolution will put an end to the possibility of Germany concluding a separate peace with Russia. If the duma holds its own against the Prussianized bureaucrats, this revolution will mark the greatest political change since the French revolution. When the German chancellor promised the people of Germany that they would be granted fair representation after the war and that the Junkers would be deprived of their power to veto legislation passed by the Reichstag he knew about the Russian revolution though the news had been held back from the newspapers. His remarkable speech must have been made with the knowledge and consent of the German emperor and advisers. Between the lines this speech disclosed the fear that a similar revolution may have turned Germany and the chancellor has tried to forestall it by promises of political reforms that must be fulfilled in the near future.

If the submarine campaign fails to starve England into submission the kaiser will find himself in a desperate position. Austria-Hungary shows signs of sickening of war, and Turkey seems to be falling to pieces. If the United States is forced into the struggle by

Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey may realize the hopelessness of fighting against such odds and leave Germany to her fate. The Russian revolution has swept away the opposition in the United States to an alliance with the autoeracy which has ruled that country so badly. It is a revolution against Prussianism in Russia that must affect all middle Europe. If the czar could not rely upon the loyalty of his Cossacks, can the kaiser be sure of his Bavarians and Saxons? This terrible war will not have been fought in vain if it establishes the rule of the people throughout Europe and ends the domination of the war bureaucrats and hereditary nobility. It matters little whether the form of government is a republic or a limited monarchy so long as it is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED.

Neutrality ceases to be a disease of the spine.—Boston Journal.

As a general thing, when a girl has pretty feet she wants to fall in love heels over head.—Galveston News.

One of the solemn facts of life is that every man must wait for his own street car. He can't get his friends to do his waiting.—Toledo Blade.

Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees no new job of murdering coldly done; and also count as lost that passing day that doesn't see the murderer get away.—Detroit Press.

Another thing to bear in mind is that the needs of the poor are no new thing in various cities, though coupled for the moment with hysteric reports about food conditions.—Pittsburgh Post.

The son of Secretary Lane has joined the aviation corps, and the old man has been up in the air ever since he became a member of that Mexican-American commission.—Los Angeles Times.

## STRIKING TYPES IN SOME BIG PICTURES

Visualization of some unusual character types are a feature of the big Clune cinema drama, "The Eyes of the World." Harold Bell Wright's novel, on which the photo production is founded, is rich in types, and the utmost care has been used in the re-creation of these for the screen. It has been asserted that there is not a hackneyed character in "The Eyes of the World," and the story is both idyllic and melodramatic, but its melodrama is of the finest type.

Particularly in the drawing of Sybil, the mountain girl; Lagrange, the novelist; Taine, the physical wreck of a mis-spent life, and Henry Marston, the convict, has the author shown his unusual powers of characterization. The burned-out ruse, Taine, contrasts strongly with the ingenious young artist, Aaron King, ambitious for fame, but who is on the point of debasing his talents for the easy way to success and becomes the shining mark for a designing woman.

Then there is Conrad Lagrange, the cynical story-writer, who confesses that he "haunts the intellectual slaughter pens" for material for his "successful" stories, but in whose heart still burn many of the kindly sentiments of his earlier days. Again, there is James Rutledge, the bull-necked art critic, "born, bred and reared in an atmosphere that does not tolerate purity of thought," who covets the sweet girl of the mountains whose character typifies their beauty, purity and strength.

Besides there are John Willard, the convict, who plays an important part in the story, after his escape to the wandering life of the hills; Myra Willard, a pitiable bit of flotsam on the sea of humanity, and Brian Oakley, the forest ranger, a hardy, rugged and fearless specimen of manhood.

## NEW ZEALAND'S SOLDIERS ARE THE BEST PAID IN THE WORLD

(By Associated Press.)

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Mar. 23.—From the fact that New Zealand soldiers in this war "may" now be paid up to \$10 a week above their ordinary wages it is asserted in the dominion that they are the highest paid soldiers in the world. The special allowance is for men who can establish that their civil obligations justify their receiving it. And it is payable alike to "wents" and "sents"—as volunteers or drafted men are called. One of the grounds entitling a soldier to additional payment is: "Expenses in respect of the management of his business during his military service."

Prior to the new grant the weekly rate of pay for a married private in the New Zealand expeditionary force ranged from \$10.00 for a man with a wife only to support, to \$17 for a man with a wife and five children. Some time ago the recruiting board decided to refuse enlistment to any more married men with more than three children. Under the new scheme a private with a wife only "may" receive \$20.50 a week. The first draft of the dominion's compulsorily enlisted men to the

number of over 1000, went into camp the latter part of January. These men were chosen by the "ballot" or drafting system; that is, by the use of numbered marbles and card indexes. They are no different in appearance or in any other detail from voluntary recruits. Meantime voluntary enlistment continues in some districts. If the full quotas are obtained that way, the ballot system is not applied there.

The men drafted, with but a few exceptions, responded cheerfully, and many of them plainly welcomed a system by which the government shouldered the responsibility of deciding that they were to take up arms.

With over 80,000 men in the field or in training, the civilian walks of life in New Zealand have been depleted to a noticeable extent, but the general opinion is that as long as the major part of these men return the temporary loss of manpower will not have been too heavy a price to pay for the establishment of a future national army. The dominion's population is about 1,500,000.

## NO REAL DEMAND FOR HOSTILITIES

AMERICA BEING FORCED INTO WAR ON THE TERMS FIXED BY EUROPE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—David Starr Jordan today sent another telegram to the president, saying: "Our own autocrats are using every effort to force us to join Europe on Europe's terms. We believe you can and will prevent this issue."

While the emergency peace federation is in session here Jordan plans to send daily nightly telegrams to the president to persuade him there is no real demand for war.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Mar. 23.—For the use of encampments and other military purposes, 150,000 acres of land have been taken over in England by the military authorities. Buildings on these lands valued at £2,500,000 have also been commandeered.

## RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ALLIES

FEDERAL RESERVE WILL FINANCE ENTENTE GENEROUSLY IN EVENT OF WAR

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23.—The federal reserve board and other government officials are informally planning to render financial help to the entente in the event of war with Germany. Two courses are suggested. First, the placing of general credits to the entente governments in the United States by individual banks to a greater extent than heretofore; second, official action by the government placing a large sum at the disposal of the entente. If the latter plan is adopted it would raise the sum by a bond issue loan, the proceeds to go to France and England.

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